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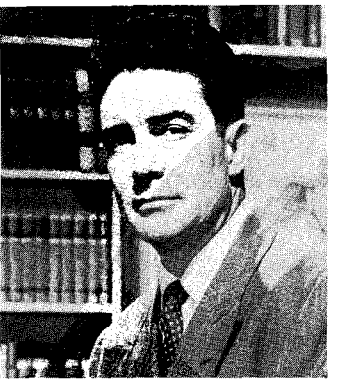

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TRUTH WILL OUT

"Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" Galatians 4:16

On May 2, 1963, Senator Thomas H. Kuchel (Republican, California) spoke in the Senate about "fright peddlers," or "right-wing extremists," who, according to Kuchel, are doing much more harm than communists are doing. In one of the coherent paragraphs of his speech, Senator Kuchel rather well identifies the people he is condemning. They are Americans who, as the Senator phrases it, want to:

"Get the United States out of the U.N. Stop all foreign aid. Repeal the income tax. Abandon NATO and bring our troops home from Europe."

Senator Kuchel estimates that he gets 6,000 letters a month from people advocating such policies. Since American constitutionalists advocate these policies, it seems to me that Senator Kuchel is not getting as much mail as he should; but the volume he does get troubles him. He complains about the intemperate and abusive language which the "right-wing extremists" put in their letters to him, congratulating himself on his calm and reasoned replies. The quality of Senator Kuchel's calm and reason can be found in his speech. He calls "right-wing extremists" *crackpots for paranoia and profit, self-appointed saviors, apostles of hate and fear, racists, swindlers, dupes, simpletons, liars, paranoiacs, witch-hunters, evil, loony, unpatriotic, un-American, lunatic, wretched, hysterical, idiotic.* Senator Kuchel feels that the policies of government should be debated by "reasonable, rational and realistic people"; but "right-wing extremists" who disagree with the policies apparently have no right to participate in this debate. Saying he has nothing but *seething contempt* for right-wing extremists who criticize him, Senator Kuchel brands their arguments as *queer and puzzling dogmas, contemptible slime, irrational frenzy, frantic, unadulterated venom, infantile, ugly, zany claims, outright falsehoods.*

All of this in one rather short speech by a Senator expressing outrage at the intemperate language in letters from his constituents!

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Senator Kuchel is upset because some of his constituents do not believe everything he tells them. For example, Senator Kuchel says he has told his *frightened constituents* that the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency has no authority to do anything except conduct research and report to the President; but his constituents will not believe him. If Senator Kuchel could read and understand the Arms Control and Disarmament Act of 1961 (which he supports with all his vehement calm and sputtering reason), he might see why his constituents cannot accept his every word as Gospel truth. The Arms Control and Disarmament Act of 1961 confers upon the Director of the Disarmament Agency broad authority to do just about anything the Director may claim to be in the interest of peace and arms control. The Director can formulate United States disarmament policies, conduct negotiations with foreign powers and international organizations, command the services of other federal agencies, obtain restricted information from the Atomic Energy Commission — and enjoy specific exemptions from laws enacted by Congress.

On May 2, 1963, Senator Kuchel complained that his *frightened constituents* will not believe him when he tells them that "no responsible public official believes in unilateral disarmament or disarmament without an effective means of inspection." On May 27, 1963, the Associated Press, in a story with a Washington dateline, reported that 34 United States Senators endorsed a resolution demanding an agreement to end all underwater and atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons, and demanding that the United States unilaterally end its own testing, if it cannot reach an agreement with the Soviets. Senator Kuchel was not, incidentally, one of the 34 Senators.

It may be that if Senator Kuchel knew as much about what is going on as his constituents know, he would be frightened too. Many of Mr. Kuchel's frightened constituents know that Paul Nitze (Assistant Secretary of Defense) and Walt W. Rostow (head of the Policy Planning Council in the State Department) have been on record for years as believing that America should unilaterally disarm herself of nuclear weapons which make the Soviets nervous — in the hope that once we are thus disarmed, the Soviets, able to relax, will follow our example. Many of Mr. Kuchel's frightened constituents also know that President Kennedy's first Defense message to Congress (March 28, 1961), based on Rostow's recommendation, was written to please and appease the Soviets and that it initiated a formal policy of limited, unilateral American disarmament — that is, de-emphasizing all nuclear weapons which the Soviets do not want us to have.

On May 6, 1963, *The San Francisco Chronicle* had a lead editorial which began:

"Senator Kuchel's magnificently strong speech in the Senate last week denouncing and exposing the 'fright peddlers' of the extreme right should be remembered in the history of our country as one of the alarm bells of American liberty."

That was the general reaction, across the land in the leftwing press, to Kuchel's speech.

Oddly enough, one of the most sensible commentaries on Kuchel's May 2 speech also appeared in *The San Francisco Chronicle* — in Lucius Beebe's "This Wild West" column, May 13, 1963. Mr. Beebe said:

"The Senator's strategy of denunciation is one long recognized and approved by professional demagogues from Moscow to Macon and from Leningrad to Little Compton. He merges all the opposition with its least reputable elements. . . .

"It's all right and a hallmark of civic responsibility to write your Senator or Representative in Washington so long as your sentiments are those of radiant approval of his statesmanship and high moral caliber, but negative sentiments constitute 'fright mail' and doubts of his chances of re-election emanate, of course, from people to be chattily described as 'slime.'

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"Mr. Kuchel makes no mention of the vast volume of calculated and often identical and subsidized mail from pressure groups such as the AFL-CIO and the maggot bin of the American Civil Liberties Union. These inspired blizzards of coercion and, often enough, explicit subversion do not, in the Senator's book, rank as 'queer and puzzling dogmas.'"

It is easy to laugh at, or ignore, Kuchel; but his silly tirade of May 2 initiated an attack on American constitutionalists which, by the end of May, was being couched in tones that were sinister. During the last week of May, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, speaking to a group of New Frontier lawyers in Washington, accused right-wingers of irresponsibility, saying:

"We cannot afford paralysis, and paralysis is what this irresponsibility will bring if it is not checked.

"I do not accept the counsel of those who continue to say that irresponsibility should be left to run its own course. By definition, irresponsibility has no self-limiting capacity. There is no point at which irresponsibility will voluntarily stop and responsibility assess the consequences of its course."(1)

Johnson's threat to silence critics of governmental policies is obvious, even if non-specific.

We Told You So

Not long ago, Lyndon Johnson's line was that American constitutionalists were superpatriotic nuts, who, although annoying, were unworthy of much attention. Now Johnson is grim. What has happened? The relentless march of events is proving that the "superpatriots" have been telling the truth for years, and that liberal officialdom has been answering that truth with falsehood or evasion.

Note some recent examples.

In 1953, Senator Joseph McCarthy alleged that large numbers of American soldiers were prisoners of Chinese communists and that the Eisenhower Administration was doing nothing about it. Spokesmen for the Eisenhower Administration denied the allegations, denounced McCarthy for rabble-rousing dishonesty, and released statistics to show that practically all Americans captured by communists in Korea were either known to be dead or had been released.

On May 14, 1963, Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen (Republican, Illinois) presented to the Senate information of considerable weight, indicating that 389 Americans are still alive in communist jails.

Senator McCarthy met his Waterloo while investigating subversion and espionage in the Army.

McCarthy learned that 35 people had been fired at Ft. Monmouth for communist activities. Thirty-three of these were reinstated and given back pay, when their cases reached the Army Loyalty review board in the Pentagon. McCarthy wanted the names of the 20 civilians who were on that review board.

Later, McCarthy began demanding the names of officials who promoted Major Irving Peress — who was promoted in the Army despite evidence already in his file that he was a communist, and was given an honorable discharge *after* McCarthy had begun to question Army officials about him.

If McCarthy had been able to trace the lines of authority all the way to the top — to find persons in the Department of Defense with enough authority to promote and protect known communists — McCarthy might have exposed treachery in very high places: an exposure possibly more significant than the exposure of Alger Hiss.

When McCarthy got on the line of questioning which ultimately would have led him to such key personnel, the enormous power and prestige of the Eisenhower Administration was suddenly concentrated on the objective of discrediting McCarthy and stopping his investi-

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gation. The Army-McCarthy hearings in 1954 put an end to McCarthy's effective fight against communism. And the subject of communists in the Army was generally dismissed as another McCarthy witch-hunt, grounded in falsehood.

In May, 1963, information, which the Defense Department had suppressed in 1954, was finally made public: information to the effect that at least one company of American soldiers had been surrendered to communists in North Korea — by an American Captain who had long been suspected of being a communist.[2]

In this *Report* dated August 26, 1955, I reported briefly on the activities of Jay Lovestone, former head of the American communist party who, after being forced out because of an intra-party fight, became Executive Secretary of the Free Trade Union Committee of the American Federation of Labor. At the time of my reporting in 1955, Lovestone was in Europe, on a mission being financed with American tax money through the Central Intelligence Agency. The mission was to "fight communism" by instructing Europeans in the techniques and philosophy of American trade-unionism. I expressed anxiety that Jay Lovestone might use our tax money to help communists rather than hurt them, and I was severely castigated for suggesting such a thing.

In 1962, it came out that Jay Lovestone, working among African delegates to the United Nations (apparently in league with the United States State Department) helped bring the full economic and psychological support of American organized labor behind pro-communist Ben Bella and his revolution in Algeria. Ben Bella's success in Algeria was an opening wedge which led to the United Nations' rape of Katanga. Out of this, and the communist-inspired, U.S. promoted chaos elsewhere in Africa, may come the communist conquest of the entire Dark Continent.[3]

In this *Report* dated September 30, 1955 ("UNESCO"), I reviewed UNESCO publications designed to influence the teaching of American children. One such publication, urging inculcation of "world-mindedness" instead of patriotism in children, recommended that elementary school children should no longer be taught geography in the conventional way of first exposing them to facts about their own homeland. UNESCO said that children should be taught about other lands first, so that they would not develop an exaggerated idea about the importance of their own nation.

I was roundly denounced by liberals for even suggesting that UNESCO ever could or ever would influence the teaching of American children, or that there was even a movement afoot to alter the teaching of geography for the purpose of de-emphasizing patriotism. Today, I invite any parent of any child in the fourth grade of a public school to examine the geography book his child uses in what is generally called "social studies." I estimate that at least eight out of ten who make this investigation will find that his fourth-grade child is being exposed to the geography of almost every nation on earth except the United States.

In the April 29, 1957, issue of this *Report* I said:

"We have already crossed the line which marks bankruptcy for the social security system: the government is already paying out more in social security benefits than it is taking in — and is quietly, secretly, making up the deficit from the general fund. . . .

"The money taken from you and your employer is earmarked as a contribution to social security. This is supposed to build up a trust fund that will provide the benefits when it comes time for you to collect them.

"But this is a fictitious paper operation. There is no trust fund, really. The government doesn't lay your money aside so that it can pay you back later with your own money. . . . [but] spends [it] on gifts for communist

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governments abroad, and so on. The only thing that goes into the social security trust fund is the government's IOU. . . .

"This bankrupt condition will become speedily worse in the years immediately ahead and will, eventually, become apparent to the public."

I do not believe I ever wrote anything that brought me harsher criticism: from United States Representatives and Senators, from officials of the Social Security Administration, from everywhere. Liberal officialdom generally denounced me as a liar, claiming that the social security operation was actuarially sound, solvent, and efficient, and in no danger of ever becoming what I claimed it was.

On May 29, 1963, United States Representative Wilbur D. Mills (Democrat, Arkansas), Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, urged Congress to increase social security taxes, because social security is paying out more than it takes in, and the "trust fund" is "threatened" by "long-range deficits."[4]

In the January 7, 1957, issue of this *Report*, I discussed the significant subject of governmental censorship by suppression and falsification of the news, saying:

"Bureaucrats. . . . do not give the public unvarnished facts about the conduct of government. They hand out only what they want the public to have. However disastrous the policies of our elected and appointed officials may be, we the people can never really come to grips with the follies, or criminal conduct, or treasonable behavior of our officials, because we can never get the facts about what happened.

"Instead of a clean-up, we get a cover-up. . . . [This condition] poses the question of whether we have a republican form of government, or whether we have a bureaucratic oligarchy in which the bureaucrats are responsible to no one except themselves.

"This is a question which the public should thrust before the new Congress [the 85th] — and demand some specific answers for."

Large numbers of "the public" tried, but they were lashed with slander by Senators, Representatives, Administration spokesmen, liberal newspaper editors, and liberal commentators — as McCarthyite lunatic-fringers who did not know what they were doing, or who, for unsavory reasons, were deliberately trying to undermine confidence in "our chosen leaders."

So, matters grew worse until October 29, 1962, when an official spokesman for the Kennedy Adminstration (Arthur Sylvester, Assistant Secretary of Defense) admitted that the Administration makes a policy of giving the public false information in order to create public support for Administration policies.[5]

In several issues of this *Report* in 1956 and early 1957, I discussed the Eisenhower Administration's false show of sympathy for Hungarian patriots brutally suppressed by the Soviets in 1956. I pointed out that Eisenhower was irritated with the Hungarian patriots for causing a disturbance and that what Eisenhower *did*, in contrast to what he publicly *said*, helped the Soviets rather than the rebelling patriots. Anticipating that the American government would formally recognize, and give aid to, the new communist regime in Hungary as soon as American public opinion would permit, I pointed out, on February 4, 1957, that Eisenhower was already sending up trial balloons to test public reaction.

In May, 1963, the State Department released a paper which whitewashes the Soviets' puppet government in Hungary, and lays the groundwork for "normalizing" American-Hungarian relations. Senator Frank J. Lausche (Democrat, Ohio) says this is the result of a deal between the Soviets and the Kennedy Administration — the Soviets promising to vote for U Thant as permanent UN Secretary-General, in return for a Kennedy promise to close out the old issue of a UN resolution condemning the Soviets about Hungary.[6]

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As early as June, 1956, I began warning, in this *Report,* that American foreign aid programs were giving foreign bankers and investors claims on the American monetary reserve which could ultimately destroy our money and wreck our entire economy. I continued writing about the shrinking American gold reserve, presenting in 1960 a series of *Reports* on this grave problem.

In the September 12, 1960, issue of this *Report,* I said:

"Foreign claims against America's monetary gold reserve have been growing by billions of dollars a year. If foreigners always demanded payment in gold from the United States Treasury, for every American dollar they acquired, as soon as they acquired it, the wild spending and wasting and foreign giveaway of our federal government would have stopped years ago, because America would have run out of gold.

"Up to now, with our money backed by our government's *promise* to redeem in gold, most foreigners have chosen to keep their American dollars or invest them in America and elsewhere rather than cash them in. All of this has mushroomed into the most dangerous situation that America — or any other great nation — was ever in. Day by day, America (with all outward appearance of a strong and growing economy) is sinking into the position of being quite at the mercy of foreign governments and international bankers."

Between June, 1956, and September, 1960, every time I mentioned our shrinking gold reserve, there would shortly appear a rash of statements by high government officials (and columns by "economists" who consistently support official policies) to the effect that all talk about our gold reserve being in danger was dishonest nonsense. Shortly after my September 12, 1960, *Report* on the flight of gold, however, the gold crisis broke wide open. The flight of our gold reserve became an issue in the campaign between Nixon and Kennedy — both promising to make matters worse by continuing the policies which caused the flight of gold.

Officialdom released reams of statistics and soothing statements about the condition of our economy and about effective steps being taken to correct the balance-of-payments drain on our reserve — until, finally, the public seemed to forget about the gold crisis.

But today, seven years after I first began to discuss the subject, Treasury officials are admitting exactly what I have been saying all along. An Associated Press Dispatch from Washington, published in *The Dallas Morning News,* May 31, 1963, reports:

"If all the potential claims against U.S. gold were suddenly presented for payment the supply wouldn't go around. Treasury officials Thursday estimated the total of 'dollar assets' held in countries around the world at about $20,000,000,000. The U.S. monetary gold fund is about $15,800,000,000. . . .

"The heavy holding of dollar assets around the world is tied in with the balance-of-payments deficit which Daane, Deputy Undersecretary of the Treasury for monetary affairs, describes as serious. . . . Last year the deficit amounted to $2,200,000,000 and in the first quarter of 1963 it was $820,000,000."

A perennial argument for public housing and urban renewal is that they eliminate slums, and that this helps cure crime and juvenile delinquency, because slums are "breeding places" of crime and delinquency. The argument is patently false; and I have been saying so in this *Report* for many years. In a *Report* on Urban Renewal, October 6, 1958, I said:

"Slums do not breed crime and juvenile delinquency. It's the other way around. If you tore down every slum and old house in America; replaced them with luxury homes and apartments; gave those luxury dwellings to criminals, juvenile delinquents, bums, and improvident, lazy ne'er-do-wells; and provided the occupants with lavish pensions — the places would soon be slums again.

"People make slums. Slums don't make people."

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I contended that public housing projects often become centers of crime and delinquency. Events have so abundantly proved the truth of these statements that Urban Renewal officials are now saying substantially the same thing. Their suggested remedy, however, is to have more public housing and Urban Renewal — and then to follow up with more social workers and bigger welfare programs to handle the resulting increase in crime and delinquency.[7]

In the May 18, 1959, issue of this *Report*, I pointed out that Castro was building a communist dictatorship in Cuba. Washington officialdom continued to deny the obvious for many months. On January 3, 1961, the Eisenhower Administration finally admitted what the world had known for years — and severed diplomatic relations with Castro's government.

A primary argument for Kennedy's Trade Expansion Act (approved by Congress in September, 1962) was that, by giving the President authority to negotiate across-the-board reductions in American tariffs (instead of item-by-item reductions which the old Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act required), the law would enable the President to get better tariff concessions from foreign countries.

In various issues of this *Report* throughout 1962 I warned that the limitless authority conferred on the President to make across-the-board changes in American tariffs would help foreign industries, not American.

On March 18, 1963, United States Representative John H. Dent (Republican, Pennsylvania), presented a series of documents by the U.S. Department of Labor, Department of

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Washington officialdom uses your taxes for programs that are creating vast cesspools of waste and corruption — and dragging our Republic into the quicksands of socialism. But what can you do about it?

You can help educate and arouse the people who elect men responsible for harmful programs of government. When enough other Americans know and care as you do, political action to restore our Republic will come.

If *The Dan Smoot Report* was instrumental in bringing you to the point of asking what *you* can do about saving the country from mushrooming big government, here is a checklist for you: Have you urged others to subscribe to the *Report*? Have you sent them reprints of a particular issue of the *Report*? Have you shown them a Dan Smoot film? Have you ever suggested a Bound Volume of *The Dan Smoot Report* for use by speakers, debaters, students, writers? Have you read and passed on to others any of the Dan Smoot books — *The Invisible Government, The Hope Of The World, America's Promise*?

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Commerce, and others, showing that since the enactment of the Trade Expansion Act, U.S. business is being hurt by foreign competition.[8]

In the October 1, 1962, issue of this *Report,* I mentioned unverified, but plausible, information about the presence of 2000 French-speaking colored troops from Ghana, training in Cuba for infiltration and guerrilla warfare in Haiti.

The State Department ridiculed me for reporting such unfounded information. In the May 23, 1963, issue of *The Reporter,* Adolf A. Berle (until recently, Kennedy's advisor on Latin America) said:

"I am informed that several months ago a wave of French-speaking Africans . . . began to arrive in Havana. As to their numbers, the minimum estimate is 2500; the maximum, 10,000. . . . The general assumption was that their destination was Haiti."

Keep On Keeping On

In 1782, Thomas Jefferson said:

"It is error alone which needs the support of government. Truth can stand by itself."

Contemporary events prove the accuracy of that Jeffersonian statement. We American constitutionalists have truth on our side, and truth is bound to prevail. Let us keep on doing what we have been doing, but multiply our efforts. When there are enough aroused and informed patroits to guarantee that national legislators like Kuchel get 600,000 letters a month, instead of 6,000, from constituents whom Kuchel calls "right-wing extremists" (because they want to repeal the income tax, stop foreign aid, and get out of the UN), we can restore the Republic.

FOOTNOTES

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WHO IS DAN SMOOT?

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In 1942, he left Harvard and joined the FBI. As an FBI Agent, he worked for three and a half years on communist investigations in the industrial Midwest; two years as an administrative assistant to J. Edgar Hoover on FBI headquarters staff in Washington; and almost four years on general FBI cases in various parts of the nation.

In 1951, Smoot resigned from the FBI and helped start Facts Forum. On Facts Forum radio and television programs, Smoot spoke to a national audience, giving *both sides* of controversial issues.

In July, 1955, he resigned and started his present independent publishing and broadcasting business — a free-enterprise operation financed entirely by profits from sales: sales of *The Dan Smoot Report,* a weekly magazine; and sales of a weekly news-analysis broadcast, to business firms, for use on radio and television as an advertising vehicle. The *Report* and the broadcast give only *one* side in presenting documented truth about important issues — the side that uses the American Constitution as a yardstick. The *Report* is available by subscription; and the broadcasts are available for commercial sponsorship, anywhere in the United States.

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